



July 2015

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PAID & VOLUNTEER STAFF OF RAILTOWN 1897 STATE HISTORIC PARK

Upcoming Events

July 1

Wednesday diesel train rides begin. Every Wednesday in

July and August

Train times are 11am & 1pm

*Also: 'Story Time in the Little Red Caboose' every Wednesday at 10am & Noon (for ages 2 thru 9)

July 4

Happy 4th of July!

July 7

Railtown Ladies luncheon

At the Garden Café

(near Alladin Hotel)

Call Dottie for info: 533-8483

July 9

Annual Maintenance Volunteer Meeting 8:30am-Noon in the Tri-Dam building

Burrito breakfast at 8am for all attending

July 11

Final mid year training session "Welcome to California State Parks" with superintendent Kim Baker 1pm-3pm

July 14

Special Behind the Scenes

Tour with Dieter Teschke

10am-Noon Carriage Room

July 21

Staff field trip to Bodie State Park

July 25

Rods to Rails Event

July 28

Volunteer Picnic at Pine Crest

Call David Deutsch, 604-9372

Or Gary Hosman, 532-5313

4pm—6pm

August 4th

Railtown Ladies luncheon

At Pine Tree Restaurant

Next to the Best Western

Call Dottie for info: 533-8483

August 8

Dedication of the 'Walk of

Fame', Rocca Park,

Jamestown

The Junior Ranger Program is Coming to Railtown

Beginning July 1, Railtown 1897 will be joining over 70 California State Parks and offering the **Junior Ranger Program** to our young visitors age 7-12.

There are twelve different **Junior Ranger Program** activity areas. Geology, ecology, history, safety, plants, and wildlife are some of the subjects offered by different California State Parks. The program is free with the price of admission and the participants can earn their badges two different ways at Railtown 1897 SHP.

- 1.) Kids can pick up a **Railtown 1897 Junior Ranger Adventure Guide** from the Depot Store. After touring the park and completing the activities in the guide, they return to the store where a staff member or volunteer will stamp their guides, administer the **Junior Ranger Pledge**, and present them with their badge.
- 2.) Or, they can participate in one of our special Railtown 1897 hour-long programs to be presented weekly. These programs will allow kids to explore different aspects of the Railtown story while playing games and doing fun activities. Each participant is given a logbook with information and activities pertaining to California State Parks and upon completion of the program, the logbook is stamped, the pledge is administered and they receive their badge. To earn more stamps to fill their logbooks, kids can attend several programs at the same park or participate in programs in other parks. The more stamps they obtain, the more prizes they can earn – posters, certificates and patches.

We currently have four volunteers who are developing Railtown 1897 **Junior Ranger Programs**. If you are interested in being a part of this fun and important activity, please contact me or attend the Junior Ranger meeting on July 10th at 10:30 in the morning in the Carriage Room. This is a chance have fun while you pass along your knowledge and love of Railtown 1897 to our next generation of park supporters.

Until the **Junior Ranger Program** presentations are up and running, we will be providing the Adventure Guide to our young visitors. You may want to familiarize yourselves with the guide so that you can answer questions and help our young participants. Adventure Guides are available in my office or at the Depot Store. If you have questions or ideas, send me an email or stop by for a visit. (Karen.kling@parks.ca.gov)



California State Parks wishes to thank
Save the Redwoods League for providing
Junior Rangers funding for the 2015 season. Save the Redwoods League is a
Proud Partner of California State Parks.

Railtown News

Annual Maintenance Meeting for volunteers and park staff will take place on Thursday, July 9th from 8:30am to noon at the Tri-Dam building. A breakfast will be served (burritos) starting at 8am. This is a mandatory annual meeting dictated by capital district policy. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and a make up date will be scheduled for you. Please let Dave Rainwater know by phone or email if you are not able to attend.

***Note from Kim Baker:** Yes. . .this training is required for all volunteers who are involved in maintenance functions (and must be made up if you cannot attend), but, it is more than just boring old training! This year we have several items of interest to spice things up! Our new Maintenance Chief for the Capital District- Tim Gellinck will be joining us. He recognizes the amazing impact our volunteers have here and is looking forward to meeting with all of you, giving you some perspective on the activities of the district, and hearing from you as well. I will also be providing an update on the various activities of the park—and there has been a LOT going on that you may not have known about. To paraphrase a famous quote “A rumor can run round the world before the truth has got its boots on.” Put an end to the rumors, come find out what the real story is.

By attending this training, you'll be contributing to a safe, professional work environment, and ensuring the perpetuation of the volunteer maintenance program at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park—a program unlike any other in California State Parks. Plus, free breakfast. What's not to like? *“If you have questions you'd like answered or issues you would like to address, about Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, California State Parks, our operation here, or anything you want to get off your chest, we encourage you to submit them to Dave in advance. We will incorporate these questions into the presentation on the 9th”.*

Rods to Rails will take place on Saturday, July 25. Classic automobiles will be displayed in downtown Jamestown as well as on the lawn at Railtown. We will be setting up our Railtown booth near Rocca park. Any volunteers interested in helping to staff our booth should contact Dave at 984-4408.

Back to the Future Event originally scheduled for August was cancelled.

Story Time in the Little Red Caboose will take place every Wednesday for ages 2 thru 9 at 10am and noon. Adelle Yonan will substitute for Nancy Johnson on July 1st & 8th, then Nancy will return for the remainder of the season.

The Final Mid Year Training Session will be held on Saturday, July 11 from 1pm to 3pm with Kim Baker. The session ‘Welcome to State Parks’ is also open to any volunteers who have missed this in the past. She will cover essential details about volunteering as a state park volunteer as well as perspectives about our direction as a park. Afterwards we will celebrate our new volunteers with a social hour and cake and ice cream.

Behind the Scenes Tours We want to thank Dieter Teschke who has been conducting these specially advertised tours on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The next tours will be July 14 and August 11
(news that relates to Railtown is welcome! Please submit by email to dave.rainwater@parks.ca.gov)

Do You Need a Theme?

Here is a preview of some of the themes presented in our upcoming interpretive master plan..

- 1.) Like many other short line railroads throughout California and the United States, the Sierra Railway had its genesis during a period of economic expansion into rural communities in the late 1800s.
- 2.) The Sierra Railway was more than trains and tracks; it was a complex endeavor involving a community of workers, neighbors, passengers, and customers
- 3.) Like many other short-line railroads throughout the United States, the Sierra Railway's impacts were many: it created jobs, connected the resource-rich Sierra foothills to markets, facilitated the transportation of people and goods, improved communication for rural communities, and increased the scale of extraction of natural resources.

Volunteer Profiles: Trevor Chung

This month we'd like to take a moment to recognize Trevor Chung, who joined us as a junior volunteer at the age of 12 in 2011. Since then he has given outstanding service to our park, logging in more than a thousand hours, which is notable for a young man busy with school. In August, he'll enter his senior year at Sonora High. I asked him what were his career goals? He answered definitely a career with the railroad. He intends to study railroad operations at Sacramento City College and become a certified engineer someday, coming back to operate our steam trains. His father is a career captain for Cal-Fire and his mother is a 6th generation Californian, whose ancestors left Sweden and came during the mid 19th century gold rush. It was at the age of 3 when he heard his first train in Modesto on a family shopping trip. It was then that he knew he wanted to work with the railroad someday. Trevor has been a car host, a roundhouse host, tour guide and a demonstrator of our velocipede. These days he works primarily on fire patrol. He is hoping to acquire and restore a speeder for his senior class project. What he loves most about Railtown is that "everything is here like it was back a hundred years ago." Any last words? "I love this place!" We'd like to thank Trevor for his outstanding service and commitment to our park.



Saturday, June 27 we celebrated the dedication of our monument as the newest state of California Landmark for the Sierra Railway Shops. The Native Sons of The Golden West conducted the proceedings and unveiled the monument with our State Flag. Pictured left is acting Capital District Superintendent Lyman Gray, park Superintendent Kim Baker and our new CSRMF Director, Cheryl Marcell.



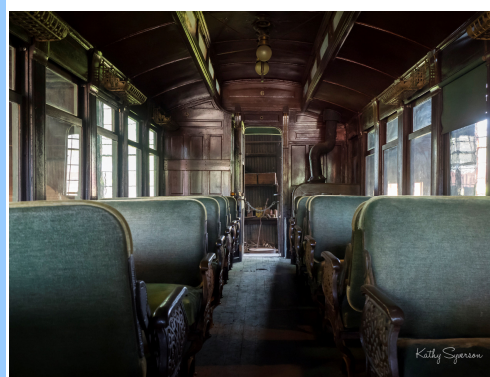
George Sapp assists Andrew Benton installing rivets on the No 28



Engineer David Tadlock "checking the owner's manual?"



Welding inside the fire box on the 28 restoration project



A nice shot inside the #6 Car by Photographer Kathy Syverson



Anna Lewis providing hospitality for the Photo Club show opener



Greeter Janet Montano, a friendly smile and wave to our visitors as they depart on the train



Engineer Stephanie Tadlock adjusting the 'Johnson bar' or reverser



Jason Smith watering the iron horse



Matt Sagaser working on the engine crew



Blacksmith Jerry Sterni and Al Lehr interpreting the forge to a school group

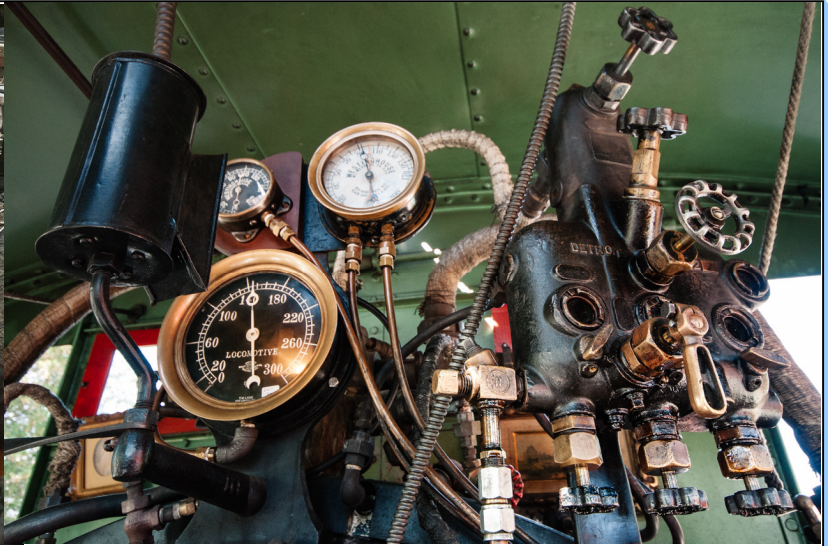


Photo by Michael Sharps



Lew Barnard leads his fire patrol crew Lynett & Leo Sweeney and Anthony LaNotte



'Ole' Patriotic No. 3

Greeters Nancy Bull and Nancy Johnson

A happy 'Crew for a Day' visitor!

Always friendly Dottie Bolander & Natalie Stier





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